

**NRD WATER QUALITY PROGRAM AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA BIENNIAL
REVIEW QUARTERLY UPDATE TO THE OREGON BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

BOA Report Item	
Management Area	Mid Coast
Summary of Meetings	March 9, 2011
LAC Members Present	Wayne Hoffman, Elmer Ostling, Betty Huff, Kevin Carroll, Sally Owens, Howard Pazdral, Richard Huff, Joe Steere, and Jeff Feldner. Others present: David Wilkinson (ODA), Kevin Fenn (ODA), David Waltz (DEQ), Seth Mead (Siuslaw SWCD), Tanya Jorgenson (Lincoln SWCD), Stacy Polkowske (Lincoln SWCD), and Shiloh Sundstrom (Public).
Summary of Progress	<p>Education and Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two landowner workshops held in priority areas. • Reed canarygrass control demonstration project implemented and monitored for two years. • Twenty-one news articles and eight quarterly newsletters published. • Eleven informational booths at farmers markets and other community events. • Participated in twelve educational events reaching 466 students. <p>Land Stewardship and Water Quality Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 142 landowners provided with information about the Area Plan and Rules. • 212 landowners provided with technical assistance and over 1,000 fact sheets distributed. • Eighteen riparian restoration projects planned and implemented. • Thirteen projects implemented to limit inputs of nutrients, fine sediment, and bacteria. • Nine agricultural water quality plans completed. <p>Funding and Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 58 grants written and approved for support of SWCD functions and project implementation. • 82 landowners provided with information on federal and local cost-share programs. • Seven landowners assisted to enroll into USDA cost-share programs. <p>Monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lincoln SWCD is conducting trend monitoring in the Yaquina/Big Elk and Beaver Creek (Alsea) Watersheds for TMDL baseline data, project effectiveness, and nonpoint source pollution identification.
Summary of Impediments	The Committee stated that invasive vegetation such as reed canarygrass and a lack of enforcement by ODA when there is no agricultural activity present is an impediment to

	establishment of riparian vegetation that provides the function of shade as stated in the riparian rule.	
Recommendations for Modifications	The Committee recommended forming a subcommittee to track and stay involved in prioritization of different agencies including ODA, DEQ, and ODFW. The Committee will consist of Stacy Polkowske, Richard Huff, Wayne Hoffman, Seth Mead, and Shiloh Sundstrom (if appointed to the LAC). The Committee had no recommendations for modification to the Area Plan and Rules at this time.	
Enforcement	January 2009 to December 2010. Four new complaints were investigated and two existing cases were followed up on. One of the complaints did not have enough information to result in a site visit. The other three complaints involved manure management and/or impacts to riparian vegetation. Two of the three new investigations have been closed; follow-up on the third investigation will be in the fall of 2011. The two follow-ups were regarding livestock impacts to riparian vegetation. Both follow-up investigations resulted in Letters of Compliance.	
• In Compliance	3	
• Advisories	1	
• Warnings	4	
• NON	0	
• Civil Penalties	0	
• Alternative Measures Request	None	
Notes	Wayne Hoffman was supposed to complete a letter to the Board of Agriculture at the conclusion of the 2009 review expressing the Committees work on the Area Rules. The letter was not completed at the conclusion of the 2009 review. The Committee asked that Wayne finish the letter to be included with the 2011 report to the Board of Agriculture. The Mid Coast TMDL should be completed by June 30, 2012 and will give guidance for the next biennial review.	

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